GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNDER UTILISATION OF RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether large unspent provisions persisted in 2000-01 and there was a rise registered in the under-utilisation of resources in the Department of Economic Affairs despite the pointing out of the same situation for the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the reasons for under utilization of resources by the Department; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c) The details of unspent provisions and reasons therefor have been brought out in CAG`s Report No. 1 of 2002, which was laid on the Table of the House on March 15, 2002. The savings in Department of Economic Affairs were due mainly to less than estimated establishment related expenditure, lower interest rates along with less market borrowings/issue of Treasury Bills, less than anticipated encashment of Government bonds by the holders, exchange rate variation and lower than estimated release of funds to States due to non-fulfilment of conditions for such releases. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to prepare Budget estimates as accurately as possible.